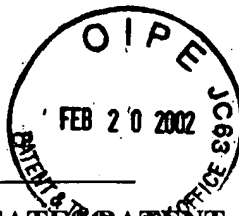


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List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement.

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:
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1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO/SB/08A (Substitute for form 1449A/PTO)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
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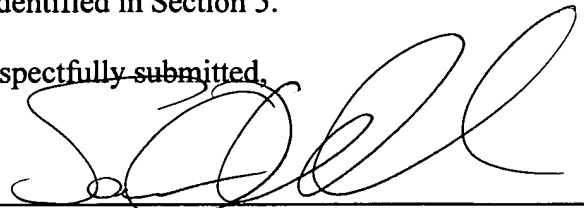
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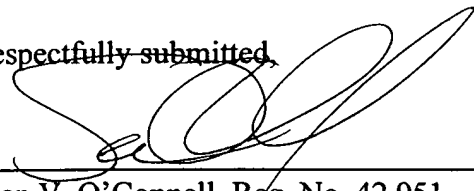
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